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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP**Sixth Workshop
to Review Standards for the
San Francisco Bay/
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary**

October 19, 1994--10:00 AM

1416 Ninth Street, First Floor Auditorium
Sacramento, California

SUBJECT OF WORKSHOP

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is convening this workshop to seek comments and recommendations regarding standards for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Estuary or Delta).

BACKGROUND AND SWRCB PROCESS

Five previous workshops were held on this subject on April 26, May 16, June 14-15, July 13-14, and September 1. Originally, only four workshops were scheduled, but the additional workshops have been added at the request of the participants.

The background on this subject and the process for SWRCB action upon completion of this workshop series are described in the notice for the April workshop. If you need copies of the prior workshop notices, call Ellyn Sekul at (916) 657-1357.

REGULATORY BASIS FOR ACTION

California Water Code Section 13240 requires that water quality control plans adopted by the SWRCB must be periodically reviewed and may be revised. In addition, the Federal Clean Water Act requires a triennial review of water quality control plans.

The SWRCB is authorized to establish State policy for water quality control, including surface water management programs, by California Water Code Sections 13140 to 13142.

KEY ISSUE**What fish and wildlife standards should the SWRCB adopt for the Bay-Delta Estuary?**

The SWRCB intends to evaluate a range of alternative fish and wildlife standards during this review. Numerous parameters characterize conditions in the Bay-Delta watershed, and many of these parameters can be regulated by the SWRCB. Examples include, but are not limited to: outflow, river flows, temperature, exports, diversions, fish survival indices, salinity, QWEST, and barrier location and operation. The SWRCB solicits recommendations from the participants on alternative fish and wildlife standards that provide both a comprehensive package of protection and a reasonable level of protection, considering the competing demands for water from the Bay-Delta Estuary.

SWRCB staff is conducting a series of staff workshop sessions beginning September 21 both to review the technical merits of alternative standards for the protection of fish and wildlife and to seek consensus on a complete regulatory program for the Bay-Delta Estuary. The results of this process will be discussed at the workshop.

The SWRCB requests that the parties to this proceeding continue to work towards consensus on appropriate standards.

WORKSHOP PROCEDURES

The workshop will be informal, but a court reporter will be present to provide an accurate record of the proceedings. There will be no sworn testimony or cross examination of participants, but the SWRCB and its staff may ask clarifying questions.

Participants are requested to provide 20 copies of their comments and recommendations either prior to or at the time of the workshop for the use of the SWRCB and its staff. Additional copies for participants of the workshop should also be provided. Participants will be asked to orally summarize their comments and recommendations. Time limits of less than 20 minutes will likely be imposed on oral presentations by each participant. Participants with similar interests are requested to make joint presentations.

The SWRCB and its staff may consult with and request information from participants and other interested parties between the date of this notice and the release of the draft plan.

INFORMATION REGARDING WORKSHOP

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Thomas Howard, Chief, Bay-Delta Unit, at (916) 657-1873 or Barbara J. Leidigh, Senior Staff Counsel, at (916) 657-2102.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

The map below shows the location of the workshop and available parking. This site is accessible to persons with disabilities.

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Administrative Assistant to the Board

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